

Catoctin Creek
Second Street
Waterford
Loudoun County
Virginia

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Location: Second Street
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Present Owner: Mr. Spencer Heath MacCallum

Present Occupant: Mrs. Heath MacCallum

Present Use: Residence

Date of Easement: May 24, 1976

Statement of Significance: Catoctin Creek, constructed about 1800, demonstrates Waterford's building techniques and local architectural aesthetics. The construction of Catoctin Creek is closely related to Pennsylvania farmhouse design, particularly in the use of stucco. This may be attributed to the founder of Waterford, Amos Janney, who emigrated from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1733.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Catoctin Creek probably was erected about 1800.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Mary Ann Taylor was a descendant of the settlers of Taylorstown. She inherited a one-seventh interest in the family farm in Taylorstown, and later sold her share. Miss Taylor purchased Catoctin Creek in 1823. The original owner is not known.
4. Original plans and construction: The original structure evidently consisted of one room with a fireplace and sleeping loft.
5. Additions and alterations: Subsequent owners expanded the house room by room; dates of most of the alterations are not known. Mrs. MacCallum added a two story south wing with plumbing in 1951. Another addition to the house is located at the rear of the original house and now serves as a kitchen. A shed was recently coveered with new clapboard to provide space for a small apartment.

B. Sources of Information:

1. Original sources: A conversation with Mr. John Devine, Waterford resident and local historian, was recorded by Mr. John Lewis, member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Landmarks Commission.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION**A. General Statement:**

1. Architectural character: Catoctin Creek, a light grey stucco-covered house, presumably dates from about 1800. This oldest section of the house is three bays wide and one and one half bays deep, and two stories high.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Wall construction: The walls are light grey stucco. The exterior walls of the shed addition are white clapboard.
2. Openings:
 - a. Doors and doorways: The main six panel wood door with four light rectangular transom is located at the center bay of the oldest portion of the house. The door is painted black and features brass hardware, including knocker and latch. Dutch elbow latches are located on both interior and exterior of the door. The main door is framed by louvered black shutters which extend the full height of the door and transom. Doors are also located at the northwest wall of the house near the terrace, and at the northeast wall at the clapboard addition.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Windows on the first floor of Catoctin Creek are double hung sash with nine over nine lights. The second floor windows are double hung sash with six over six lights. All window trim is simple, and painted flat white. There are no shutters, except at the main entry.
3. Chimneys: Two brick inside end chimneys are situated at the northeast and southwest walls of the original house. Each is painted white and has a two-brick corbel course two bricks from the top.
4. Roof:
 - a. Shape and covering: Catoctin Creek has gable roofs on each

section of the house. Eagle shaped snowguards are placed at each seam of the standing-seam roof.

- b. Cornice and eaves: A simple, unembellished cornice follows the main block of the building. The cornice is painted white.

Part III: PROJECT INFORMATION

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